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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement of November 7, 2006, for which a response is due by December 7, 2006. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the accompanying amendments and remarks. Any additional fees associated with this Response may be charged to Merck Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, on the date appearing below.

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